GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:829
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DESTRUCTION OF TEMPLES DUE TO TERRORISM
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Hindu temples decimated due to terrorism in the country, particularly in Jammu and Kashmir during the last ten years;

(b) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to rebuild and renovate the decimated temples;

(c) if so, the number of temples which have been rebuilt and renovated so far;

(d) whether forcible deal on temple lands is being made in the State of Jammu and Kashmir; and

(e) if so, the action taken by the Government to protect the Hindu temples in J&K?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) : "Public Order" and "Police" being State subjects as per the Constitution of India, the State Governments are primarily responsible for maintenance of law & order as well as maintenance of data on crimes. No data on the number of Hindu temples decimated due to terrorism in the country is being maintained centrally. However, as per State Government report, 97 temples have been decimated in the State of Jammu & Kashmir due to terrorism during the last ten years.

(b) & (c): No, Sir. However, in the State of Jammu & Kashmir, 11 temples out of those damaged during the last ten years have been renovated/ repaired.

(d): No, Sir.

(e) : Does not arise.